



**KING COUNTY ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 5, 2006**

Members Present: Dana Boales, Linda Brown, Joan Clement, Michelle DiMiscio, Dan Foley (nominee), Narayan Gangadhar (nominee), Patrick Godfrey (nominee); Roger Goodman, Jenna Henderson, Larry Hill, Tim King, Mary Alice Knotts

Members Absent: Yasmin Smith (excused)

Guests Present: Ardi Bury, Recovery Centers of King County; Gerry Coughlin/Paula Fisher, 24-Hour Helpline; Bob Leonard, DASA-Region 4; Richard Sirota/Suzanne Wietting, Fairfax Hospital

Staff Present: Geoff Miller, Rhoda Naguit, Sharon Toquinto, Jim Vollendroff

Board Chair Linda Brown convened the King County Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Administrative Board meeting at 12:01 p.m. The meeting was held at Safeco Jackson Street Center, Multi-Purpose Room, located at 306 23rd Avenue South, Seattle.

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Linda Brown welcomed everyone present and asked that they introduce themselves.

II. MINUTES

Joan Clement made a motion, which was seconded by Tim King, to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2005 as submitted. The motion was passed unanimously.

III. PREVENTION UPDATE

Linda Brown extended a warm welcome to Sharon Toquinto, Director of King County Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Prevention Programs. The AOD Prevention Program officially moved from Seattle-King County Department of Public Health (SKCDPH) to King County Department of Community and Human Services (KCDCHS) on January 1, 2006. AOD Prevention program providers have been notified in writing about the transfer of contracts from SKCDPH to KCDCHS.

Linda stated that the integration of prevention and treatment programs in one administrative department has been considered and negotiated for several years. Jim thanked the Board for their part in making this happen. The importance of maintaining a strong relationship with Public Health was discussed and strongly

endorsed by the Board. Sharon anticipates that the move will help build an even stronger relationship with Public Health Department.

The AOD Prevention Program funds AOD prevention projects that are based on Best, Promising and Innovative practices on two-year contracts. Most of the funded projects are best practices, followed by promising practice programs. Innovative practice programs provide opportunities for agencies to develop and test programs that don't yet have the research base to become best or promising practices. The primary funding source for prevention projects is a federal block grant for substance abuse prevention and treatment that comes to the County through the State Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse. Projects are selected for funding through an RFP process. Board members have served as reviewers for prevention RFPs.

Sharon briefly discussed the risk and protective factor model that is the theoretical basis for AOD Prevention projects. Board members had a number of questions about the model and about the concept of best, promising, and innovative practices. Sharon, Jim Vollendroff, and Bob Leonard used a number of examples for current prevention programs to help Board members understand the model and research based best practices concept. Bob Leonard congratulated Prevention program for having 75% of its contracted services on Best Practices level.

Sharon provided interim evaluation data from several of the prevention programs and will provide updated data at the next prevention update report.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Pat Godfrey's Appointment

Board members had received Pat Godfrey's CV prior to the meeting. Chair Linda Brown commented on the depth of state level legislative experience that Pat has and the strength this expertise would add to the Board. Other Board members also identified contributions Pat could make to the Board. Pat shared his personal experience with alcoholism and his knowledge of and experience with the public policy process developed in his 19 years as a staff member of the State Senate. He has been involved in politics for 35 years. He hopes that his commitment to help others will be useful to the board.

Dan Foley made a motion which was seconded by Joan Clement to recommend the appointment of Pat Godfrey to the Board. The motion was passed unanimously.

Jim Vollendroff complimented the Board on the knowledge and commitment they individually and as a group bring to the work of Board.

B. Senate Bill 5763 (Hargrove Bill)

This bill, under Part VIII, Section 804 - County Taxing Authority, allows County Legislative Authorities to impose a one-tenth of one- percent sales tax increase. The income must be used solely for new or expanded CD or MH treatment programs or therapeutic court programs. The new funds cannot be used to supplant existing funding. Jefferson and Spokane Counties have authorized the increased sales tax. Skagit County has started holding public hearings regarding this issue.

If the one-tenth of one- percent sales tax increase were implemented in King County, it would generate approximately \$40m for the CD, MH and therapeutic court systems.

At the Board planning retreat in November, the Board discussed the implications this provision of the Bill on CD/MH services and felt it was an important opportunity that King County should explore. Several areas of need were identified including CD and MH services for low-income residents of the County who are not Medicaid eligible. However, no explicit plans were made to advocate for the increase with the County Council. Jim reported to the Board that the Council Law, Justice and Human Services Committee is interested in the issue and that Council member Julia Patterson, Chair of the Committee, has asked the Board for a position paper within 30 days if possible. Other conversations about the increase are going on including Terry Mark, Deputy Director of the Department of Community and Human Services, discussing the possibility for an increase with King County Executive Ron Sims.

Discussion followed. Joan Clement recommended working with the Mental Health Board to develop a joint position paper. This approach will help avoid competing proposals and allow the Boards to develop a stronger joint advocacy position. Pat Godfrey stated that it would make it hard for the County to successfully request additional funding for CD and MH services from the Legislature if the Council fails to act on this opportunity of increasing funding at the local level.

Linda asked for volunteers for a workgroup to consider the issue and develop a draft of a position paper. Linda Brown, Dan Foley, Pat Godfrey, Michelle DiMiscio, and Naran Gangadhar volunteered. Other members expressed interest but felt they could not volunteer at this time. Email will be used to keep Board members informed. Linda will attend the MH Board meeting on 10 January and will discuss this issue with the MH Board.

V. OLD BUSINESS/CHAIR'S REPORT

A. Membership Update/Vice Chair Position

Due to Nancy Code's resignation from the Board, the Vice Chair position is vacant. Board Chair Linda Brown opened the floor for nominations. Dan Foley suggested going by seniority. Joan Clement agreed to serve as Vice Chair with a condition that she will not automatically assume the Chair at the annual election of Board officers.

Roger Goodman made a motion that was seconded by Tim King to appoint Joan Clement to serve as Vice Chair. The motion was passed unanimously.

B. Law, Justice and Human Services (LJHS) Committee

Linda reminded Board members of the earlier decision to alternate as liaison to LJHS committee meetings. LJHS meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 9:30am at the King County Courthouse, Council Chamber, 10th floor, Seattle. The meeting on January 19th is cancelled.

Starting in February 2006, Rhoda Naguit will email the agenda for LJHS to Board members who have agreed to service as LJHS committee liaisons.

C. Assessment Center Closing

Linda asked the Board about writing a letter of appreciation to the Assessment Center staff thanking them for their dedicated work over the years and recognizing the work they are doing to provide services through this process of closing the Assessment Center. The Board authorized Linda to send a letter of appreciation.

D. Liaison Reports

There were no liaison reports. Many groups did not meet in December.

VI. A/D COORDINATOR'S REPORT

A. Chemical Dependency Professional (CDP) Shortage Update

The State Board of Health is holding a Community Forum on CDP Certification and Education issues on February 7, 2006 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at SeaTac Red Lion Hotel. The purpose of the Forum is for the BOH to hear of the problems with CDP certification and how certification and education issues contribute to the CDP shortage in the State. A second forum will be held in eastern Washington later in February. Linda joined Jim in encouraging Board members and providers to attend this forum and to provide input. It increases

the effectiveness of spoken testimony to also submit the information in written form.

B. CD Performance Indicator

In addition to CD Performance Indicator Report that the Board and providers receive, the Division is putting out a CD Management Indicator Report to be used by senior management. This document will include the following information.

I. Access to Services (information on caseload by adult & youth outpatient to be provided by agencies every six month; new admissions; detox admissions; adult-youth expansion programs).

II. Outcomes – retention rate/completed rate.

III. Data Quality – timely reporting on TARGET data.

IV. Budget

Joan Clement asked if Sobering Center service data could be included to track changes that may occur with the opening of 1811 Eastlake facility.

The CD Management Indicator will be available in March or April of 2006.

C. King County Assessment Center Update

Jim reviewed the factors leading to closing the Assessment Center. As a result of State funding cuts related to the TANF outstation revenue and the impact of TXIX clients bypassing the Assessment Center for residential placement, King County will close the King County ADATSA Assessment Center in February 2006. The Division is working with CD providers to allow a smooth transition of clients and services. Seven ADATSA outpatient providers have contracts to provide ADATSA assessments when the Center closes. The timeframe to complete the closure and transition of clients and services is as follows: February 3, 2006 – final scheduled assessments; February 15, 2006 – Clinical staff final day; February 28, 2006 – Administrative Support staff final day; March 31, 2006 – Administrative Support Supervisor final day.

D. All CD Providers Meeting

Everyone is reminded that the First Annual All CD Providers Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 18, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Muckleshoot

Behavioral Care facility in Auburn. Agenda and driving directions will be emailed to all agency providers by next week.

The Board is invited to attend this event as their time permits.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Prepared by:

Attested by:

Rhoda A. Naguit
Recording Secretary

Linda Brown
Board Chair